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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to July 2003 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to July 2003 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-
	July 2003	July 2002	June 2003	June to July	July 2003	July 2002	June 2003	June to July
Expenditure category								
All items	183.9	2.1	0.1	0.2	179.6	2.0	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	550.9	-	-	-	535.0	-	-	-
Food and beverages	180.3	2.1	.1	.1	176.6	2.0	.1	.1
Food	179.7	2.1	.1	.1	176.1	2.1	.1	.1
Food at home	178.9	2.1	.0	-.1	176.0	2.1	.1	.0
Cereals and bakery products	204.5	2.9	.4	.3	204.4	2.9	.3	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	168.2	3.6	.6	.4	168.2	3.7	.7	.5
Dairy and related products [1]	164.7	-1.7	.5	.5	164.4	-1.8	.6	.6
Fruits and vegetables	226.6	4.2	-.3	.3	225.3	4.1	-.2	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	138.6	.1	-1.4	-1.5	137.5	-.1	-1.5	-1.5
Other food at home	162.7	1.1	-.4	-.6	162.3	1.1	-.4	-.6
Sugar and sweets	162.7	1.6	-.1	-.2	162.3	1.5	-.1	-.4
Fats and oils	156.3	.9	-.1	-.6	156.2	1.0	-.2	-.6
Other foods	179.0	1.0	-.6	-.7	179.4	1.0	-.6	-.6
Other miscellaneous foods [1] [2]	111.3	1.1	-.2	-.2	111.6	.7	-.4	-.4
Food away from home [1]	182.3	2.1	.2	.2	182.1	2.1	.2	.2
Other food away from home [2]	121.3	3.1	.1	-.3	121.4	2.7	.1	-.2
Alcoholic beverages	187.2	1.8	.1	-.1	187.0	1.9	.1	.0
Housing	185.9	2.6	.3	.2	181.4	2.8	.3	.2
Shelter	213.8	2.4	.4	.3	207.2	2.4	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence [3]	205.6	2.9	.2	.2	204.0	2.8	.2	.2
Lodging away from home [2] [3]	124.8	3.5	2.0	.7	125.0	3.1	2.0	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3] [4]	219.6	2.2	.2	.3	199.4	2.2	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance [1] [2]	115.6	4.4	.3	.3	115.4	4.2	.3	.3
Fuels and utilities	159.4	8.6	.2	-.2	158.9	8.8	.2	-.2
Fuels	143.6	9.8	.1	-.4	142.4	9.9	.1	-.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	130.5	16.9	-1.3	1.0	129.6	16.9	-1.5	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	151.6	9.4	.2	-.5	150.6	9.5	.2	-.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.1	-1.9	-.1	-.2	121.9	-2.2	.0	-.2
Apparel	116.2	-2.1	-2.8	.0	115.2	-2.4	-2.9	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	113.8	-3.9	-2.1	.1	113.4	-4.4	-2.4	-.3
Women's and girls' apparel	106.1	-1.4	-4.7	-.1	105.0	-1.4	-4.9	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.9	-4.1	-2.3	-1.3	120.3	-4.0	-2.1	-1.0
Footwear	117.5	-.8	-1.2	-.2	116.9	-1.1	-1.4	-.4
Transportation	156.8	2.0	.0	.2	155.5	1.8	-.1	.1
Private transportation	152.4	1.9	-.1	.1	152.5	1.7	-.2	.1
New and used motor vehicles [2]	96.5	-2.3	-.5	-.4	96.3	-2.8	-.6	-.6
New vehicles	136.7	-1.4	-.4	-.1	137.7	-1.5	-.5	-.1
Used cars and trucks	145.7	-4.6	-1.2	-1.4	146.4	-4.7	-1.1	-1.4
Motor fuel	130.6	8.1	.4	1.5	130.9	8.0	.4	1.3
Gasoline (all types)	130.0	8.1	.4	1.2	130.6	8.1	.5	1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	107.6	.2	-.1	-.1	107.0	.3	-.1	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	196.0	3.3	.5	.6	197.6	3.2	.4	.5
Public transportation	216.7	2.3	1.1	.5	212.8	4.0	.9	.4
Medical care	297.6	3.8	.4	.5	296.7	3.9	.4	.6
Medical care commodities	263.6	2.4	.6	.5	258.2	2.3	.6	.6
Medical care services	306.4	4.3	.4	.4	306.3	4.4	.4	.6
Professional services [5]	261.9	2.7	.2	.2	264.1	2.7	.2	.2
Hospital and related services [3]	394.7	7.4	.7	.7	390.9	7.6	.7	.7
Recreation [2]	107.7	1.4	.1	.0	105.6	1.0	.1	.2
Video and audio [2]	103.7	1.1	.0	.1	102.9	1.1	.0	.2
Education and communication [2]	108.9	1.2	.4	.5	108.2	.7	.4	.5
Education [2]	132.6	4.3	.5	.7	132.3	4.0	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies	335.0	5.2	.2	.5	336.3	5.4	.2	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	381.2	6.4	.5	.7	372.6	6.0	.4	.6
Communication [2]	89.4	-3.5	.2	.2	90.9	-3.2	.2	.2
Information and information processing [1] [2]	87.5	-3.6	.3	.3	89.6	-3.3	.3	.3
Telephone services [1] [2]	98.3	-1.4	.6	.4	98.3	-1.4	.6	.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services [1] [5]	16.0	-13.0	-1.2	-1.2	16.5	-13.6	-1.8	-1.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1] [2]	17.2	-22.9	-1.7	-1.7	16.9	-23.5	-1.7	-1.7
Other goods and services	399.2	1.6	.4	.4	387.5	1.3	.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	469.1	.4	1.2	1.2	470.5	.4	1.2	1.2
Personal care [1]	178.4	1.9	.1	.1	177.5	1.8	.2	.2
Personal care products [1]	154.2	-.3	.3	.3	154.8	-.3	.3	.3
Personal care services [1]	193.2	2.6	.2	.2	193.9	2.6	.2	.2
Miscellaneous personal services	284.1	3.3	.1	.1	284.0	3.4	.0	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	150.0	.5	-.3	.1	150.7	.6	-.3	.1
Food and beverages	180.3	2.1	.1	.1	179.6	2.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.9	-.5	-.5	.1	134.2	-.7	-.6	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	146.6	1.5	-.5	1.1	148.7	1.5	-.6	1.1
Apparel	116.2	-2.1	-2.8	.0	115.2	-2.4	-2.9	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	169.2	3.0	.4	.7	173.0	3.2	.4	.8
Durables	117.4	-3.1	-.5	-.5	117.4	-3.2	-.6	-.5
Services	217.6	3.3	.4	.2	213.6	3.4	.3	.2
Rent of shelter [4]	222.6	2.6	.4	.3	199.5	2.6	.3	.3
Transportation services	218.0	4.0	.4	.4	217.4	4.5	.3	.3
Other services	253.7	3.0	.3	.3	247.9	2.6	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	184.6	2.1	.1	.2	179.4	2.0	.1	.2
All items less shelter	174.2	1.9	-.1	.2	171.5	1.8	-.1	.1
All items less medical care	178.0	2.0	.1	.2	174.5	1.9	.0	.1
Commodities less food	134.9	-.4	-.4	.1	136.1	-.6	-.6	.0
Nondurables less food	149.0	1.6	-.5	.9	151.0	1.5	-.5	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	170.0	2.9	.4	.7	173.5	3.1	.4	.9
Nondurables	163.5	1.8	-.2	.5	164.6	1.9	-.2	.5
Services less rent of shelter [4]	228.0	4.3	.4	.1	202.8	4.5	.3	.1
Services less medical care services	209.9	3.2	.3	.2	206.2	3.3	.3	.3
Energy	136.8	9.0	.3	.4	135.9	9.0	.2	.4
All items less energy	190.5	1.6	.1	.2	185.9	1.4	.0	.1
All items less food and energy	193.2	1.5	.1	.2	187.7	1.2	.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.9	-1.8	-.6	-.1	140.3	-2.0	-.7	-.2
Energy commodities	131.3	8.4	.3	1.5	131.4	8.4	.3	1.3
Services less energy services	224.3	2.9	.4	.3	220.5	2.9	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	$ .544	-	-	-	$ .557	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	$ .182	-	-	-	$ .187	-	-	-

[1] Not seasonally adjusted.
[2] Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
[3] This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.
[4] U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
W-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
[5] Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	All items							
	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Indexes			Percent change to July2003 from-	Indexes			Percent change to July2003 from-
	May 2003	June 2003	July 2003	July 2002	May 2003	June 2003	July 2003	July 2002
U.S. city average	183.5	183.7	183.9	2.1	179.4	179.6	179.6	2.0
Region and area size[1]								
Northeast urban	192.7	192.9	193.5	2.8	189.2	189.1	190.0	2.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	194.6	194.9	195.5	2.8	189.8	190.0	190.8	3.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	114.2	113.9	114.5	2.4	114.2	113.9	114.5	2.5
Midwest urban	177.7	178.4	178.1	1.6	172.9	173.7	173.3	1.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	179.7	180.7	180.5	1.7	174.2	175.1	174.8	1.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	113.0	113.2	113.1	1.6	112.4	112.7	112.5	1.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	171.7	172.6	171.6	1.2	169.3	170.1	169.1	1.1
South urban	176.8	177.2	177.3	2.1	174.0	174.3	174.3	1.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	178.6	179.0	179.1	2.5	175.7	176.2	176.2	2.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	112.8	113.1	113.1	1.9	111.8	112.0	111.9	1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	174.7	174.9	175.0	1.6	174.6	174.8	174.6	1.5
West urban	188.5	188.1	188.6	2.0	183.8	183.3	183.6	2.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	191.2	190.9	190.9	1.9	185.0	184.5	184.3	1.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [2]	114.7	114.4	115.1	2.3	114.4	114.1	114.6	2.1
Size classes								
A [3]	167.9	168.2	168.3	2.2	166.1	166.3	166.3	2.2
B/C [2]	113.6	113.6	113.6	2.0	112.7	112.8	112.9	1.8
D	174.1	174.4	174.1	1.6	174.5	174.9	174.6	1.4
Selected local areas[4]								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	183.4	184.1	184.1	1.6	177.3	178.0	177.8	1.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	186.4	186.3	186.3	2.3	179.9	179.6	179.6	2.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	196.8	196.9	197.7	3.0	191.7	191.9	192.8	3.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	202.3	-	203.0	3.7	201.8	-	202.2	4.2
Cleveland-Akron, OH	175.1	-	176.0	1.5	166.3	-	167.0	1.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	176.9	-	176.5	2.1	176.4	-	175.9	1.9
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [5]	115.7	-	116.8	3.0	115.1	-	116.2	2.7
Atlanta, GA	-	181.5	-	-	-	178.7	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-	182.8	-	-	-	176.7	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-	162.5	-	-	-	160.7	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-	179.4	-	-	-	176.8	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	189.7	-	-	-	187.8	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-	196.3	-	-	-	192.2	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-	191.7	-	-	-	185.7	-	-

[1] Regions defined as the four Census regions.
[2] Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
[3] Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
[4] In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 36 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
[5] Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.
- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. CPIs are published for two population groups: 1) The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which each cover about 87 percent of the total population. While the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and is subject to two annual revisions. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of other economic series, and an escalator for income payments.

More detail. This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at **http://www.bls.gov/cpi/** at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical ***CPI Detailed Report*** for $47 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in July, the same as in June. Energy costs, which advanced sharply in the first quarter of 2003 before turning down in the second quarter, increased 0.4 percent in July. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy increased 1.5 percent, while the index for energy services decreased 0.5 percent. The index for food rose 0.1 percent with the index for food at home down 0.1 percent. Decreases in the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home more than offset small-to-moderate increases in the other four major food at home groups. The index for all items less food and energy, which was unchanged in June, increased 0.2 percent in July. The shelter index, which was virtually unchanged in June, rose 0.3 percent in July, accounting for about 85 percent of the acceleration in the all items less food and energy index.

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